

February 28, 2012

Darcy L. Endo-Omoto Vice President Government & Community Affairs

The Honorable Chair and Members of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission 465 South King Street, First Floor Kekuanaoa Building Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2011-0225

Competitive Bidding Process for 200 MW or More of

Renewable Energy Delivered to or on Oahu
Delay in Proposed Final Request for Proposals

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("Hawaiian Electric") respectfully informs the Commission that the Proposed Final Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy and Undersea Cable System Projects Delivered to the Island of O`ahu ("Proposed Final RFP") is now targeted for submittal to the Commission for approval early in the 2nd quarter of 2012. The information provided by Hawaiian Electric in the Draft RFP and Technical Conference resulted in a significant quantity of questions and comments on the Draft RFP from potential bidders that merit thorough consideration. Hawaiian Electric anticipates that the additional time spent to address these comments will result in improvements to the Proposed Final RFP that may better achieve the objectives being sought and may avoid delays later in the process.

Electronic notice of the Proposed Final RFP schedule change will be made to all parties who have submitted a Notice of Intent to Bid and/or a Notice of Interest to Hawaiian Electric and will be posted on Hawaiian Electric's website (http://generationbidding.heco.com).

Sincerely,

c: Division of Consumer Advocacy M. Campo, Boston Pacific

The Draft RFP and Technical Conference anticipated submittal of the Proposed Final RFP by February 29, 2012.